

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 2:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to European Patent Application No. EP-02 019937.8, filed September 4, 2002.

In the Abstract: [Use ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter (or double square brackets “[[]]” if the strikethrough is not easily perceivable, *i.e.*, “4” or a punctuation mark) and underlined for added matter.]

ABSTRACT

The invention involves a A surgical ring, designed to be implanted around biological organs comprising a pouch or a duct, so as, on the one hand, to form a closed loop between these two extremities (1, 2), thus forming a first (1) and a second (2) extremity and, on the other hand, to reduce the diameter of the opening of the said organ when it is tightened by the ring, the said ring including comprising a system for reversibly controlling the variation in its diameter. [[,]] characterized in that said The system also includes comprises a flexible filiform element (4), inserted longitudinally with possibility of sliding into the material constituting the body of the ring between the first (1) and second (2) extremities, so as to define a fixed portion (5) connected to the first extremity (1) and a free portion (7) associated with an actuator (8) mounted on the ring near the second extremity (2).